



May 26, 2021
Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea
Manchester Board of Health
COVID-19 Community Update

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Manchester Total Positive Case Number (to date) as of Wednesday, May 26, 2021: 241

Active Cases: 0

(Last week's COVID-19 numbers reported on 5/19/21: Total cases – 241, Active cases –4)

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has instructed all local boards of health with populations less than 10,000 to only report total positive cases: “In order to protect privacy and confidentiality of individuals who test positive for COVID-19. We understand that many boards of health find value in sharing community-specific data as part of a risk communication plan and to keep the public informed about the scope of the local public health effort. If you choose to share numbers of cases for these purposes, please do so with the highest regard for privacy and confidentiality by not including any information other than the case count.”

Each **Wednesday** the Board of Health will release an update on COVID-19 in Manchester-by-the-Sea.

BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATE

NEW! Manchester Joins a Regional Collaborative to Offer COVID Vaccines to Residents of Cape Ann and Beyond. First clinic starts on May 26 at the Hamilton Wenham High School. More dates and locations will be added. Registration is encouraged but walk ins are welcome. Learn more [here](#).

All MA residents age 12+ are currently eligible to receive the COVID vaccine.
(Residents aged 12-18 are only eligible for the *Pfizer Vaccine* at this time. Learn more [here](#).)

MA is currently in Phase IV Step 2 of reopening. Learn more [here](#).

COVID Vaccine: [COVID Vaccine Locations](#) [Vaccine FAQ](#) [MA Vax Finder](#)

COVID Testing: [COVID-19 Testing Site Locator](#), [Stop the Spread Sites](#), [Quarantine Instructions](#)

If you have further questions for the Board of Health, please contact Ellen Lufkin at lufkine@manchester.ma.us.



NEW COMMUNITY UPDATES

- **NEW! Trash Delay:** Due to the upcoming long weekend all trash, recycling and compost collection will be delayed by one day.
- **NEW! Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 31** in observance of Memorial Day.
- **NEW! Mosquito Spraying Opt-Out:** A reminder that residents can choose to opt out of the Town's Mosquito Control Plan at any time with a 14-day notice. Learn how [here](#).
- **NEW! Face Covering Order Rescinded:** The current face covering order will be rescinded on **May 29**. The DPH will issue a new face covering advisory consistent with the CDC updated guidance. *Face coverings will still be mandatory for all individuals on public and private transportation systems (including rideshares, livery, taxi, ferries, MBTA, Commuter Rail and transportation stations), in healthcare facilities and in other settings hosting vulnerable populations, such as congregate care settings.*
- **NEW! Industry Restrictions Lifted:** Industry restrictions, across all sectors, will be lifted on **May 29** including capacity limits.
- **NEW! End of State of Emergency in MA:** Governor Baker will end the State of Emergency **June 15**. The Administration will work with legislative and municipal partners during this period to manage an orderly transition from emergency measures adopted by executive order and special legislation during the period of the State of Emergency.
- **NEW! Youth and Amateur Sports:** Effective **May 29**, all youth and amateur sports restrictions will be lifted.
- **NEW! Annual Town Meeting:** The Annual Town Meeting will take place on Monday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m. on the MERHS athletic field. Rain Date is June 23. Learn more [here](#).
- **NEW! Open Space & Recreation Public Forum:** On Wednesday, **May 26** from 6:30 PM to 8 PM the OSRC will host a virtual public forum to provided residents an opportunity to review and provide feedback on the Open Space and Recreation Seven Year Action Plan. Meeting details can be found [here](#).
- **NEW! Harbor St. Bridge Repair:** MA DOT has delayed work on the Harbor Street bridge until June 28.
- **NEW! Bridge Street Paving Update:** MA DOT completed milling. Adjusting structures and paving scheduled for June 1 weather permitting.

ONGOING COMMUNITY GUIDANCE

- **Beach Stickers:** 2021 Beach Stickers are currently for sale online or at the Town Clerks office. Please click [here](#) for easy instructions. **2020 Parking Stickers are valid through May 31, 2021. New rule for 2021! Stickers must be placed inside the front, driver side windshield in the upper left-hand corner.**



ONGOING COMMUNITY GUIDANCE

- Funeral Assistance: FEMA will be providing funeral assistance to families who have lost someone to COVID. Learn more here. [FEMA Information](#)
- July 4th Parade Rescheduled: Due to current COVID guidance, the Annual July 4th Parade will be postponed to September 25. The theme of the parade will be Manchester's 375th Anniversary. Fireworks on Singing Beach will be held in July 2022. Stay tuned for other festive activities being planned.
- Vaccinations for Manchester Homebound Residents: The Manchester Board of Health is participating in the MA Homebound Covid-19 Vaccination Program. This program handles all phases of service delivery including screening, registration, at home vaccination, and insurance billing. Please call 1-833-983-0485 to schedule an appointment. Learn more [here](#).
- Story Trail on Powder House Hill: Visit Powder House Hill from May 5 through June 15 and follow the heartwarming children's story of "Salamander Sky" as you hike the trails and explore nature. Hosted by the Manchester Essex Conservation Trust (MECT). Learn more [here](#).
- Volunteer with MA Medical Reserve Corps: The MA Medical Reserve Corp is looking for volunteers at the local level, both medical and non-medical. Click [here](#) to register.
- The Manchester Affordable Housing Trust (MAHT), in collaboration with Action, Inc., a Gloucester-based human and social services agency, is offering short-term rental housing and mortgage payment assistance to income eligible Manchester residents in response to job and income loss related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Contact Action, Inc. at 978-282-1000 or live chat at [Actioninc.org](#) for assistance.
- The Manchester Police Department and Council on Aging are assisting residents who need delivery of local groceries and prescriptions. To make a request please contact the Police Department at (978)526-1212.

MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA COMMUNICATION PLAN

All COVID-19 related information will continue to be conveyed to the public through the Town website (www.manchester.ma.us), email alerts, Town social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) and the Manchester Cricket. Residents are encouraged to follow at least one of these mediums to stay informed.

Reverse 911 calls ([Code Red](#)) will be used when necessary.

The Board of Health and Board of Selectmen will update the public daily (as needed) when new guidelines are released from the State or when important changes occur to Manchester-by-the-Sea operations and services.

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